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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *The National Broadband Plan*, WC Docket No. 10-90, GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket No. 05-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 8, 2010, Greg Berberich, CEO of Matanuska Telephone Association and I met with Commissioner Michael J. Copps and his Policy Advisor, Margaret McCarthy. We expressed apprehension with the National Broadband Plan which appears to jeopardize communications service in rural America in general and Alaska in particular. Recognizing that Commissioner Copps has seen, first-hand, very rural communities in our state we encouraged him share his awareness of those circumstances with members of the FCC that lack his experience.

In a separate meeting later that day we met with Christine Kurth, Policy Director to Commissioner Robert M. McDowell, and expressed similar concerns.

Sincerely,



Jim Rowe
Executive Director
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cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Margaret McCarthy